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and 198 steerage passengers were bathed and 749 pieces of baggage disinfected. Fifty-four cases of plague (3 Europeans, 2 Indians, 12 Portuguese, 1 Japanese, 1 Parsee, and 35 Chinese), with 35 deaths, were reported during the week. No other communicable diseases were reported. From January 1 to June 27, inclusive, 1,276 cases of plague have been reported.

During the week ended July 4, 1903, 12 vessels, 1,095 crew and 648 passengers (203 cabin and 445 steerage) were inspected; 810 crew and 437 steerage passengers were bathed and 1,221 pieces baggage disinfected. There were 44 rejections from all causes. Only 25 cases of plague (Chinese), with 18 deaths, were reported and no other communicable disease was reported. Up to date (from January 1) 1,316 cases of plague have been reported, with 1,154 deaths.

*Report from Shanghai—Smallpox.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, July 14, as follows: During the week ended July 11, 1903, there were inspected 2 vessels, 82 crew and 37 cabin passengers.

The communicable diseases reported during the week were: Smallpox, 1 case, 1 death; diphtheria, 3 deaths. The total mortality was 2 foreigners and 150 natives.

COLOMBIA.

*Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port—Smallpox epidemic decreasing—Vaccination.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended August 4, 1903. Present officially estimated population not obtainable. One death from smallpox; number of deaths from other causes, 3; prevailing diseases, smallpox and malarial affections. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, not good. Smallpox has materially decreased; no new cases during past week. The disease still exists at several of the subports in the lagoons. Vaccination is still being carried out. Three cases under treatment in the isolation hospital.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

| Date.   | Name of vessel.   | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. | Pieces of baggage disinfected. |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| July 29 | Bodo .....        | 18              | 0                                    | 0                                | 0                              |
| 29      | Fort Gaines ..... | 23              | 0                                    | 0                                | 0                              |
| 29      | Beverly .....     | 39              | 0                                    | 0                                | 0                              |
| Aug. 1  | Harald .....      | 19              | 0                                    | 0                                | 0                              |

COSTA RICA.

*Report from Limon, fruit port—Yellow fever.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports as follows: Week ended August 6, 1903. Census population, 4,000; number of cases of yellow fever, 3—deaths, 2; number of deaths from other causes, 4; prevailing diseases, yellow fever and bilious remittent fever. The latter dis-

ease seems very rapidly fatal. I have not seen a case here and the only knowledge I have of its existence is the official mortality report in which I recognize the names of some who were seen on the streets a few days before. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very poor.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

| Date.   | Name of vessel. | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. | Pieces of baggage disinfected. |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| July 31 | Olympia.....    | 37              | 0                                    | 0                                | 0                              |
| Aug. 1  | Algiers.....    | 32              | 0                                    | 0                                | 0                              |
| 3       | Valencia.....   | 45              | 4                                    | 7                                | 0                              |
| 5       | Hispania.....   | 22              | 0                                    | 0                                | 0                              |

#### CUBA.

#### *Report from Habana—Inspection of vessels—Mortuary statistics.*

Assistant Surgeon Trotter reports, August 7, as follows:

*Week ended August 1, 1903.*

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Number of health certificates issued.....         | 80    |
| Vessels inspected and issued bills of health..... | 25    |
| Crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....          | 986   |
| Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....     | 501   |
| Pieces of baggage inspected.....                  | 117   |
| Pieces of freight inspected.....                  | 1,808 |
| Pieces of express inspected.....                  | 13    |
| Pieces of baggage disinfected.....                | 5     |

#### *Mortuary report of Habana for week ended August 1, 1903.*

| Disease.           | Number of deaths. |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Tuberculosis.....  | 14                |
| Pneumonia.....     | 2                 |
| Bronchitis.....    | 1                 |
| Enteric fever..... | 1                 |
| Enteritis.....     | 2                 |
| Scarlet fever..... | 1                 |
| Septicæmia.....    | 1                 |
| Cancer.....        | 3                 |

Total deaths from all causes, 80.

#### *Malarial fever and probable convalescent yellow fever on steamship Nord, from Tampico.*

[Cablegram.]

HABANA, August 15, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Steamer *Nord* arrived July 30 from Tampico and sailed same day for Galveston. Returned August 13. Two crew discharged and sent to hospital. One has malarial fever and commission considers other probably convalescent yellow fever. The plasmodium malarie not found. Albumen present. Vessel disinfected and sailed Galveston yesterday.

TROTTER.

NOTE.—This information was repeated to the State health officer of Texas.